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SUBJECT:US-EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE: AGENDA FOR POLITICAL
DIRECTORS' MEETING, BONN, SEPTEMBER 5-6, 1978

REF: BONN 15575

1. WITH REGARD TO SUBJECT MEETING, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED
TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING US VIEWS TO THE FRG IN ITS EC
PRESIDENCY CAPACITY.

2. TURKEY. WE ARE IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH THE SENTIMENT
AMONG THE NINE THAT A POLITICAL COOPERATION DIALOGUE WITH
TURKEY IS ESSENTIAL. WE WOULD HOPE THAT SUCH A DIALOGUE
WOULD ASSURE THE TURKS THAT GREEK ACCESSION TO THE EC WOULD
NOT MEAN THAT THE EC AS A WHOLE WOULD BE "TAKING SIDES" WITH
THE GOG IN ACTIONS THAT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO TURKISH
INTERESTS.

3. CYPRUS. YOU MAY ASSURE THE FRG THAT WE WILL TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THEM A BRIEFING
ON THE NIMITZ VISIT TO CYPRUS (SEPT 3-6) WHICH THEY MAY PASS

ON TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NINE.

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4. MIDDLE EAST. AT THIS POINT THERE IS VERY LITTLE OF
A SUBSTANTIVE NATURE THAT WE CAN ADD ABOUT THE CAMP DAVID
SUMMIT TO WHAT WAS SAID IN THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER. WE
SUGGEST THAT YOU GO OVER THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND DRAW
FROM IT THE MAIN POINTS FOR REITERATION TO THE FRG IN ITS
EC PRESIDENCY ROLE. IN ADDITION YOU SHOULD STRESS THE
IMPORTANCE THAT WE ATTACH TO THE CAMP DAVID MEETING AND
OUR HOPE THAT THE EUROPEANS WILL LEND US THEIR FULL SUPPORT
DURING THIS PERIOD. YOU MAY SAY PREPARATIONS ARE GOING
WELL AND WE WILL BE PROVIDING OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES
WITH A REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS AT CAMP DAVID AS SOON AS
THIS IS POSSIBLE.

5. EAST-WEST RELATIONS. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE POLITICAL
DIRECTORS HAVE DECIDED TO ADD A STANDING AGENDA ITEM
ANALYZING EAST-WEST RELATIONS IN LIGHT OF CONTINUING
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY THE SOVIETS. OUR POSITION ON
THIS ISSUE IS WELL KNOWN TO THE EC MEMBER STATES. WE
BELIEVE THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES WILL WANT TO CONTINUE TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA.

6. EC-9 PEACEKEEPING DRAFT. WITH REGARD TO NEXT STEPS

IN EC DRAFT ON PEACEKEEPING, EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY POSITION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF STATE 215089 AND EXPLAIN THAT IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HELMAN PLANS TO TAKE THIS UP WITH FRG BOTH IN BILATERAL AND EC PRESIDENCY CONTEXT DURING VISIT SEPTEMBER 5-6. AT THAT TIME HELMAN WILL ALSO HAVE BENEFIT OF NORDIC VIEWS ON OUR OWN PROPOSALS (FOLLOWING PETREE'S CONSULTATIONS). WE HOPE THAT FROM BONN DISCUSSION AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK WITH NORDICS, EC-9 REPRESENTATIVES, AND OTHERS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP A MORE COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT WITH SPECIFIC PROPOSALS THAT WILL HELP STRENGTHEN UN PEACEKEEPING.

7. HUMAN RIGHTS. US BELIEVES THAT DECISION BY EC-9 TO
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WALK OUT OF GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE UN DECADE AGAINST RACISM WAS A FULLY APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE AFRICANS AND ARABS TO MODERATE THE UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE ON ISRAEL. IT SERVES TO SIGNAL NOT ONLY THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF SUCH UNSUBSTANTIATED CHANGES, BUT ALSO THAT ANY EFFORT TO REINTRODUCE THE ZIONISM/RACISM LINKAGE WILL BE FLATLY REJECTED. WE HOPE THE RESULT OF THE EC-9 ACTION WILL BE TO STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF THE THIRD WORLD MODERATES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO COOPERATING FULLY WITH THE NINE ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS BEFORE THE NEXT GA.

8. EC CODE OF CONDUCT ON SOUTH AFRICA. THE USG BELIEVES THAT FAIR EMPLOYMENT CODES FOR SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD BE VOLUNTARY IN NATURE, SUCH AS THE SULLIVAN PRINCIPLES. WE HAVE INDICATED IN THE OECD THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES THE SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN THE EC CODE, CANADIAN CODE, SULLIVAN PRINCIPLES, ETC.

9. RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. WE WOULD VIEW WITH FAVOR A DEMARCHE BY THE NINE IN PRETORIA REQUESTING THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND WOULD CONSIDER MAKING A PARALLEL DEMARCHE. WE ASSUME THE DEMARCHE WOULD BE FOR THE RELEASE OF THOSE DETAINED LAST OCTOBER 19 AND RECENTLY RE-DETAINED FOR ANOTHER TEN MONTHS, AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG CATHOLIC WORKERS MOVEMENT DETAINED BEGINNING IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

10. SPORT CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY DECLARATION ON SPORT CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. USG POLICY ON SPORT CONTACTS IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO OFFICIAL SUPPORT OF SPORT COMPETITIONS AND EXCHANGES INVOLVING SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPANTS. OTHERWISE
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THE USG DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF PRIVATE
US SPORT BODIES IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
CONSTITUTIONALLY WE CANNOT PREVENT SUCH CONTACTS. VANCE

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